GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Registration and Stamps – Surprise check conducted by the ACB on the O/o District Registrar, Balaji Registration District on 15.12.2012 – Allegations od corruption against Sri V.Kiran Kumar, District Registrar and 6 others - Initiation of Disciplinary Proceedings against Sri O.Sudhakar, the then Senior Assistant, O/o Sub-Registrar, Tirupati Urban, Sri Balaji Registration District, Chittoor District under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Articles of Charges - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.615 Dated:05.07.2023
Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.296, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, Dated:05.07.2023.

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ORDER:

In continuation of the orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 in the reference read above, it is considered necessary to hold an enquiry against Sri O.Sudhakar, the then Senior Assistant, O/o Sub-Registrar, Tirupati Urban, Sri Balaji Registration District, Chittoor District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the said rules.

2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and the imputation of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri O.Sudhakar, the then Senior Assistant, O/o Sub-Registrar, Tirupati Urban, Sri Balaji Registration District, Chittoor District is directed to submit his written statement of defence, within ten days of the receipt of this Order.

4. Sri O.Sudhakar, the then Senior Assistant, O/o Sub-Registrar, Tirupati Urban, Sri Balaji Registration District, Chittoor District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri O.Sudhakar, the then Senior Assistant, O/o Sub-Registrar, Tirupati Urban, Sri Balaji Registration District, Chittoor District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri O.Sudhakar, the then Senior Assistant, O/o Sub-Registrar, Tirupati Urban, Sri Balaji Registration District, Chittoor District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri O.Sudhakar, the then Senior Assistant, O/o Sub-Registrar, Tirupati Urban, Sri Balaji Registration District, Chittoor District *(through the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, A.P., Vijayawada with a request to serve the G.O, to the individual and furnish the served copy with dated acknowledgement for record).*
The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Prakasam District.
Copy to:
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
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ANNEXURE –I

ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI ORUGONDA SUDHAKAR AGE 36 YEARS S/O O. JEEVARATHNAM CHETTY, SENIOR ASST., O/O SUB-REGISTRAR, TIRUPATI URBAN, SRI BALAJI REGISTRATION DISTRICT, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.

That, Orugonda Sudhakar, Age 36 years, S/o O. Jeevarathnam Chetty, working as Senior Asst., O/o the Sub-Registrar, Sri Balaji Registration District, Tirupati Urban Chittoor District (here-in-after referred to as "Government Servant"), while functioning as such during the period from 28-08-2009 to till the date of Surprise-Check i.e., on 15-12-2012 has committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE-I

That the Government Servant in collusion with the other staff engaged the services of Private persons for the last 4 months unauthorizedly for collection of bribes/illegal gratification on behalf of himself and his staff under the guise of maintaining the challan books, document endorsement work and office boy.

CHARGE-II

That the Government Servant has failed to account un-accounted cash Rs.2,09,100 /- which was found and seized from the possession of document writers, stamp vendors, private persons and staff and thereby violated circular memo No. X2/10708/94, dt. 30-12-1997 of the Commissioner & IG of Registration & Stamps, AP, Hyderabad.

CHARGE-III

That the Government Servant declared an amount Rs.500/- in the Personal Cash Register but he possessed excess cash of Rs. 13,950/- than the declared in the personal cash register on 15-12-2012.

Thus, the Government servant Sri Orugonda Sudhakar, Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub-Registrar, Sri Balaji Registration District, Tirupati Urban Chittoor District by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and behaved in such a manner that his conduct unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1), (2) Rule 9(8A) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI ORUGONDA SUDHAKAR, AGE 36 YEARS, S/O O. JEEVARATHNAM CHETTY, SENIOR ASST., O/O SUB-REGISTRAR, SRIBALAJI REGISTRATION DISTRICT, TIRUPATI URBAN CHITTOOR DISTRICT.

That, Sri Orugonda Sudhakar, S/o O. Jeevarathanam Chetty, Senior Asst., O/o Sub-Registrar, Sri Balaji Registration District, Tirupati Urban Chittoor District is native of Ithepalle Village & Post, Chandragiri Mandal, Chittoor District. His date of Birth is 19-06-1976. He joined in Government service on 03-11-1999 ass Jr. Asst in Registration & Stamps Department, and got promotion as Sr. Asst. on 29-08-2009 and posted in the office of Sub-Registrar, Sri Balaji Registration District, Tirupati Urban, Chittoor District. Since then, he has been working there from 29-08-2009 to till the date of Surprise-Check ie., on 15-12-2012. He was drawing a basic pay of Rs. 14,050/- in the scale of pay Rs.14,050 to Rs.31,550/- as on 15-12-2012. His date of superannuation is on 30-06-2038. He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

FACTS OF THE SURPRISE CHECK:

On credible information that corrupt and illegal practices were being adopted by the officials working in the District Registrar office, Sri Balaji Registration District, Tirupati Urban, Chittoor district, a surprise-check was conducted by a team of ACB officials led by the DSP, ACB, Tirupati in the presence of two official mediators on 15-12-2012 from 18 hrs to 23.30 hrs.

The DSP, ACB observed the District Registrar Office, Sri Balaji Registration District, Tirupati and prepared the rough sketch of the location and the buildings of the office. The District Registrar Office, Sri Balaji Registration District, Tirupati is located opposite to the Tirupati Urban Development Authority (TUDA) office.

The DSP, ACB, secured the attendance register, personal cash declaration register, accpunt-A, revenue stamp register, court-fee register, non-judicial stamp register, notary stamp register, special adhesive register and franklin mission register.

A Total of 24 persons are present in the office at the time of search of office by ACB team. The DSP, ACB Tirupati along with the inspectors and staff physically checked all the persons present in the office, the DSP, ACB instructed Sharada, WPC to check the woman employees by taking them in to the record room and found some cash with them and whose particulars are given below.

S.No.	Designation	Amount in Rs.
1.	Sri. Shaik Nasir, Joint Sub Registrar-II	380
2.	Orugonda Sudhakar, Sr. Asst.	14,450
3.	Yalapalli Subrahmanyam, Sr. Asst.	33,900
4.	Chimalamarri Janardhan, Junior Asst.	150
5.	Somu Rani, Junion Asst.	330
6.	Ponna Moses Praveen, Junior Asst.	50
7.	Madiri Guruswamy, Jr. Asst.	1,840
8.	Nuthalapati Arun Kumar, Jr. Asst.	2,000
9.	Nallisetty Padmavathi, Shroff	200
10.	Bangaru Raghavulu, Attender	23,030
Un Authorised Private Employees working in the said office.		
1.	Vabku Vijay Kumar maintaining Pending Challana `and Daily Challana book.	2,430
2.	Chikatipalli Sreedhar maintaining Document Endorcement	2,230
3.	Manchikayala Venkatamuni, Private Attender	1,500

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Document writers and Stamp Venders

1.	N. Narayana Raju, Stamp Vender	8,290
2.	Dudekula Raheem, Doc. Writer.	1,200
3.	Chennur Rupesh, Doc. Writer.	2,000
4.	Ethamukkala Rama Murthy, Stamp Vender	1,480
5.	Rayabaram Venkata Subba, Doc. Writer.	2,000
6.	Borthala Gopal Chetty, Doc. Writer.	3,350
7.	Kothamuthyala Peddygari Mohan Babu, Doc. Vender.	1,500
8.	Shaik Anil, Office boy and Vender.	200
9.	Shaik Bawajan, DTP Operator.	140
10.	Tirumuru Chandramouli, Doc. Writer	18,200
11.	Dama Suresh Babu, Doc. Writer	1,190
12.	Kottamanchi Lokesh, Office boy and Stamp vender.	100
13.	Nellore Devarajulu Reddy, Doc. Writer.	1,200
14.	Muniswarla Vasu, Photographer.	Nil
15.	Shaik Shafi, Computer Operator.	110
16.	Padaganati Nagaraj maintaining computer network.	165

The personal cash of P. Nagaraju (cash Rs. 165/-), Shaik Anil (cash Rs. 200/-), Shaik Bavajan (cash Rs. 140/-), K. Lokesh (cash Rs. 100/-) and Shaik Shafi (cash Rs. 120/-) was returned to them and the remaining total amount of Rs. 56,405/- was seized from the above unauthorised private persons, document writers and stamp vendors.

Then the DSP, ACB instructed his staff to check the premises of the said office. After through check an amount of Rs. 30,500/- and one silver plate weighing about 400 grams were found beside the right side of the table of Sri. Nasir, Joint Sub Registrar-II, an amount of Rs. 17,090/- was found beneath the computer scanner, an amount of Rs. 22,200/- was found in the dust bin, located opposite to the Joint Sub Register-II and Rs. 8,500/- was found behind the computer monitor at EC & CC or CARD Counter-3.

The DSP, ACB, Tirupati verified the personal cash declaration register and tallied the cash and found with the Govt. Employees working in the said office with that of Cash declared by the staff in the said register on 15.12.2012.

S.No.	Name of the Employee	Personal Cash Declared	Cash Found	Excess Amount
1	Sri. Shaik Nasir, Joint Sub Registrar-II	500	380	--
2	Orugonda Sudhakar, Sr. Asst.,	500	14,450	13,950
3	Yalapalli Subrahmanyam, Sr. Asst	--	33,900	33,900
4	Chimalamarri Janardhan, Junior Asst	480	150	--
5	Somu Rani, Junion Asst.,	420	330	--
6	Ponna Moses Praveen, Junior Asst	50	50	
7	Madiri Guruswamy, Jr. Asst.,	450	1,840	1,390
8	Nuthalapati Arun Kumar, Jr. Asst	--	2,000	2000
9	Nallisetty Padmavathi, Shroff	200	200	--
10	Bangaru Raghavulu, Attender	30	23,030	23,000

As the above employees working in the said office possessed excess cash an amount of Rs. 74,240/- than the cash declared by them in the personal cash register on 15.12.2012, the excess cash available with them was seized by the DSP, ACB, Tirupati.

The DSP, ACB, examined and recorded the statements of three private persons Vabku Vijay Kumar, Chikatipalli Sreedhar and Manchikayala Venkatamuni, who are engaged by the JSRs.

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On examination of Vabku Vijay Kumar, he stated that he is maintaining Pending challana book and Dialy challana book, apart from this he is also utilised for collecting bribe amounts. The Retired Joint Sub-Registrar Karam Chand has engaged him for doing the above said job in the month of September on daily basis by paying an amount of Rs. 200/- per day. He further stated that the office staff has been collecting the bribes from the document writers for various services at SRO office.

On examination of Chikatipalli Sreedhar, he stated that he has been doing Document Endorsement and maintenance for last 7 months. The Joint Sub Registrar-II is paying Rs. 150/- per day to him and corroborated the version of Vakbu Vijay Kumar.

On examination of Manchikayala Venkatamuni, he stated that he has been engaged as an office boy by the Joint Sub-Registrar-I in the said office for the last 6 month on daily basis. The Joint Sub-Registrar I is paying Rs.150/- per day and corroborated the version of Chikatipalli Sreedhar.

The DSP, ACB, Tirupati when questioned JSR-II about the excess amount found beside the right side of his chair. He kept silent. When questioned about the excess amount of Rs. 15,000/- beneath the computer scanner, an amount of Rs.22,200/- in the dust bin, located opposite to the Joint Sub Register-II and Rs.8,500/- behind the computer monitor at EC & CC or CARD Counter-3, no one claimed the said amount.

Then the DSP, ACB, Tirupati verified the attendance Register and noticed that all are present except M. Hari Prasad, Sr. Asst., H. Mahesh Kumar, Sr. Asst., K. Mohan Babu, Sr.Asst., M. Shabuddin, Jr. Asst.(Under suspension), S. Arun Kumar, Jr. Asst. Muruga Devi, Attendar and Karunakar attender . When enquired about the absentees in the register, JSR-II stated that K. Mohan Babu, Sr.Asst. is on deputation to SRO, Tirupati Rural, S. Arun Kumar is on deputation to SRO, Thottambedu, M. Guruswamy Jr. Asst., hailed to this office on deputation from Thottambedu SRO., N. Arun Kumar, Jr.Asst came from SRO, Srikalahasti on deputation. When enquired about the Joint Sub-Registrar-I Sri. M.Raja Gopal it is learnt that he has left the office by 5.30 PM.

Then the DSP, ACB, Tirupati verified the following registers ie., 1) Form A Register (Account – A Register) of JSR- I ; 2) Form A Register(Account – A Register) of JSR- 2; 3) Court Fee Register; 4) Non Judicial Stamps Stock Register; 5) Notary Labels Register; 6) Franking Machine Register and 7) Special Adhesive Register.

The DSP, ACB, Tirupati seized the above all documents duly attested by the mediators. On comparison of the records 3 to 7 mentioned above with the Cash available with the N. Padmavathi, Shroff who used to sell the non-judicial stamps and stamp papers a shortage of Rs.14,300/- was observed. When offered her explanation she stated that out of the total stamp fee collection of Rs.50,800/- an amount of Rs.14,300/- has taken away by Sri. M.Raja Gopal, JSR-I for his personal use and asked her to adjust the dearth in the next working day with the bribe amount.

Then the DSP, ACB, Tirupati offered the explanation of JSR-II for allowing the private persons who are working in the office and attending the official work. The JSR-II stated that he along with JSR-I engaged private persons on daily basis as there is no sufficient staff in this office.

The DSP, ACB, Tirupati examined all the sixteen Documents writers and stamp vendors and recorded their statements. The DSP, ACB, Tirupati when asked the JSR-II as to why he allowed the above mentioned document writers in to the office, no proper reply has given.

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Through the Circular memo No.X2/10708/94 dt.30-12-1997 of the Commissioner & I.G of Registration & Stamps, A.P.Hyderabad, it was communicated that during the surprise checks, af any unaccounted cash is found with the unauthorized persons in the office, it will be presumed that the said amount is illegal amount obtained as bribe from the parties.

During the surprise check, a total amount of Rs.2,08,935/- unaccounted amount/ amount collected as bribes was seized. Copy of the proceedings is being handed over to the JSR-II under his acknowledgment. The proceedings concluded on 15.12.2012 at 23:30 P.M.

CHARGE-I

That the Government Servant in collusion with the other staff engaged the services of Private persons for the last 4 months unauthorizedly for collection of bribes/illegal gratification on behalf of himself and his staff under the guise of maintaining the challan books, document endorsement work and office boy.

BASIS OF THE CHARGE:

During the Surprise Check on 15.12.2012 conducted by the ACB officials, Titupati in the presence of two mediators, the following evidence has been collected to prove the above allegation.

i. LW-1 /Smt. Poneeri Kasthuri and LW-2/ Sri Poli Subrahmanyam, who are the mediators in whose presence the Surprise Check was conducted on the District Registrar Office, Sri. Balaji Registration District, Tirupati on 15.12.2012, speak about actual happenings, their observations, lapses during the surprise check.
ii. LWs-3/ Sri Chikatipalli Sreedhar (Private Employee): he stated that he has been doing document endorsement and maintenance for last 7 months and SRO-II is paying Rs.150/- per day to him to do office work as well as to collect bribes from the document writers for various services at SRO office.
iii. LW-4/Sri Manchikayala Venkatamuni (Tea Boy): He also stated that he has been engaged as office boy by the SRO-I in the said office for the last 6 months on daily bais and paying Rs.150/- per day to do office work as well as to collect bribes from the document writers for various services at SRO office.
iv. LW-5/ Sri Vebaku Vijaya Kumar (Un-authorised employee): He stated that he was engaged by retired joiny SRO Karam Chand for maintaining pending challan book and daily challan book apart from collecting bribes from the document writers for various services at SRO office on daily basis by paying an amount of 200/- per day since September month.
v. LW-6/ Sri Padaganti Nagaraj (Net working Engineer), LWs-7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18 & 21 are document wirters, LW-8/ Sri Shaik Fasivulla @ Shaik Shafi (Computer Operator), LW-9/ Sri Shaik Anil (Office Boy), LW-12, 13 & 16 are Stamp Vendors, LW-19 /Sri Shaik Bawajan (D.T.P. Operator), LW-20/Sri Muniswara Vasu (Photographer) speak about the engagement of private persons unauthorisedly by the Sub-Registrars and seizure of total Rs.2,08,935/- unauthorised/excess amount from the unauthorised private persons, document writers and stamp vendors.
vi. LWs 23 & 24 are the Investigation officers. Their investigation also revealed the same facts that contained in the actual happening on the date of surprise check.
vii. The Surprise check Proceedings No.04/SC-TCT/2012, Dt. 15-12-2012 from drafted from 18-00 hrs to 23:30 hrs contained the actual happening on the date of surprise check.

Thus the government servant Sri Orugonda Sudhakar, Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub-Registrar, Sri Balaji Registration District, Tirupati Urban Chittoor District in collusion with the Sub-Registrars has engaged private persons to collect mamools/bribes on his behalf and other staff. Thus from the above evidence, the charge is substantiated.

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Therefore, the Government Servant Sri Orugonda Sudhakar, Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub-Registrar, Sri Balaji Registration District, Tirupati Urban Chittoor District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and behaved in such a manner that his conduct unbecoming of a government servant and thereby violation of Rule 3 (1) (2) and Rule 12 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

CHARGE-II

That the Government Servant has failed to account un-accounted cash Rs.2,09,100 /- which was found and seized from the possession of document writers, stamp vendors, private persons and staff and thereby violated circular memo No. X2/10708/94, dt. 30-12-1997 of the Commissioner & IG of Registration & Stamps, AP, Hyderabad.

BASIS OF THE CHARGE:

During the Surprise Check on 15.12.2012 conducted by the ACB officials, Titupati in the presence of mediators, the following evidence has been collected to prove the above allegation.

i. LW-1 Smt. Poneeri Kasthuri and LW-2 Sri Poli Subrahmanyam, who are the mediators in whose presence the Surprise Check was conducted on the District Registrar Office, Sri. Balaji Registration District, Tirupati on 15.12.2012, speak about actual happenings, their observations, lapses as mediators during the surprise check.

ii. LWs-3/ Sri Chikatipalli Sreedhar (Private Employee): he stated that he has been doing document endorsement and maintenance for last 7 months and SRO-II is paying Rs.150/- per day to him to do office work as well as to collect bribes from the document writers for various services at SRO office.

iii. LW-4/Sri Manchikayala Venkatamuni (Tea Boy): He also stated that he has been engaged as office boy by the SRO-I in the said office for the last 6 months on daily bais and paying Rs.150/- per day to do office work as well as to collect bribes from the document writers for various services at SRO office.

iv. LW-5/ Sri Vebaku Vijaya Kumar (Un-authorised employee): He stated that he was engaged by retired joint SRO Karam Chand for maintaining pending challan book and daily challan book apart from collecting bribes from the document writers for various services at SRO office on daily basis by paying an amount of 200/- per day since September month.

v. LW-6/ Sri Padaganti Nagaraj (Net working Engineer), LWs-7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18 & 21 are document wirters, LW-8/ Sri Shaik Fasivulla @ Shaik Shafi (Computer Operator), LW-9/ Sri Shaik Anil (Office Boy), LW-12, 13 & 16 are Stamp Vendors, LW-19 /Sri Shaik Bawajan (D.T.P. Operator), LW-20/Sri Muniswara Vasu (Photographer) speak about the engagement of private persons unauthorisedly by the Sub-Registrars and seizure of total Rs.2,08,935/- unauthorised/excess amount from the unauthorised private persons, document writers and stamp vendors.

vi. LW-22 Sri P. Giri Babu, Dy. Inspector Genral, Registration and Stamps, Chittoor District issued orders vide in memo. No.E/574/2012 of the Dy. Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Chittoor that Sri Guruswamy, Junior Assistant, SRO, Thottambedu should not be deputed to any focal station. Ignoring the above said memo, the charged officer deputed him to work at the District Registrar Office, Tirupati which is a focal station.

vii. LWs 23 & 24 are the Investigation officers. Their investigation also revealed the same facts that contained in the actual happening on the date of surprise check.

viii. The Surprise check Proceedings No.04/SC-TCT/2012, Dt. 15-12-2012 from drafted from 18-00 hrs to 23:30 hrs contained the actual happening on the date of surprise check.

ix. As per the Circular memo No.X2/10708/94 dt.30-12-1997 of the Commissioner & I.G of Registration & Stamps, A.P.Hyderabad, it was communicated that during the surprise checks, af any unaccounted cash is found with the unauthorized persons in the office, it will be presumed that the said amount is illegal amount obtained as bribe from the parties.

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Thus the government servant Sri Orugonda Sudhakar, Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub-Registrar, Sri Balaji Registration District, Tirupati Urban Chittoor District in collusion with the Sub-Registrars and staff violated the Memo issued by the Dy. Inspector General , Registration and Stamps, Chittoor District amd thereby engaged private persons to collect mamools/bribes on his behalf. Thus from the above evidence, the charge is substantiated.

Therefore, the Government Servant Sri Orugonda Sudhakar, Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub-Registrar, Sri Balaji Registration District, Tirupati Urban Chittoor District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and behaved in such a manner that his conduct unbecoming of a government servant and thereby violation of Rule 3 (1) (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

CHARGE-III

That the Government Servant declared an amount Rs.500/- in the Personal Cash Register but he possessed excess cash of Rs. 13,950/- than the declared in the personal cash register on 15-12-2012.

BASIS OF THE CHARGE:

During the Surprise Check on 15.12.2012 conducted by the ACB officials, Titupati in the presence of mediators, the following evidence has been collected to prove the above allegation.

i. LW-1 /Smt. Poneeri Kasthuri and LW-2/ Sri Poli Subrahmanyam, who are the mediators in whose presence the Surprise Check was conducted on the District Registrar Office, Sri. Balaji Registration District, Tirupati on 15.12.2012, speak about actual happenings, their observations, lapses during the surprise check.

ii. LWs-3/ Sri Chikatipalli Sreedhar (Private Employee): he stated that he has been doing document endorsement and maintenance for last 7 months and SRO-II is paying Rs.150/- per day to him to do office work as well as to collect bribes from the document writers for various services at SRO office.

iii. LW-4/Sri Manchikayala Venkatamuni (Tea Boy): He also stated that he has been engaged as office boy by the SRO-I in the said office for the last 6 months on daily bais and paying Rs.150/- per day to do office work as well as to collect bribes from the document writers for various services at SRO office.

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vi. LWs 23 & 24 are the Investigation officers. Their investigation also revealed the same facts that contained in the actual happening on the date of surprise check.

vii. The Surprise check Proceedings No.04/SC-TCT/2012, Dt. 15-12-2012 from drafted from 18-00 hrs to 23:30 hrs contained the actual happening on the date of surprise check.

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viii. As per the Circular memo No.X2/10708/94 dt.30-12-1997 of the Commissioner & I.G of Registration & Stamps, A.P.Hyderabad, it was communicated that during the surprise checks, af any unaccounted cash is found with the unauthorized persons in the office, it will be presumed that the said amount is illegal amount obtained as bribe from the parties.

Thus, the government servant Sri Orugonda Sudhakar, Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub-Registrar, Sri Balaji Registration District, Tirupati Urban Chittoor District possessed excess cash of Rs. 13,950/- than the declared in the personal cash register on 15-12-2012. Hence he charge is substantiated.

Therefore, the Government Servant Sri Orugonda Sudhakar, Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub-Registrar, Sri Balaji Registration District, Tirupati Urban Chittoor District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and behaved in such a manner that his conduct unbecoming of a government servant and thereby violation of Rule 3 (1) (2) and Rule 9(8)(A) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus the Government Servant rendered himself liable for regular departmental enquiry U/R 20 of APCS (CC &A) Rules 1991 for major penalty.

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI ORUGONDA SUDHAKAR, AGE 36 YEARS, S/O O. JEEVARATHNAM CHETTY, SENIOR ASST., O/O SUB-REGISTRAR, SRIBALAJI REGISTRATION DISTRICT, TIRUPATI URBAN CHITTOOR DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

1) Original Surprise Check Proceedings drafted from 18-00 hours to 23-30 hours on 15-12-20112in the office of District Registrar, Sri Balaji Registration District, Tirupati, Chittoor District.
2) Signed Statement of Sri Chikatipalli Sreedhar, S/o Late C. Jayaramaiah, age 27 yrs, Private Employee , D. No. 13-5-534, Kotapalli High School Road, Piler Chittoor District.
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12) Signed Statement of Sri Nadimpalli Narayana Raju, age 43 yrs, S/o Rama Swamy Raju, Stamp Vender, D.No. 20/1/416/18 C /18/4, Subash Nagar, Tirupati Town and Mandal, Chittoor Dist. Cell No. 9059277934.
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16) Signed Statement of Sri Kattamanchi Lokesh, S/o K. Nagaraju, age 22 yrs, Stamp Vender, D. No. 4-15, Chandragiri Town and Mandal, Chittoor Dist. Cell No. 9059751175.

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17) Signed Statement of Sri Dama Suresh Babu, S/o D. Ramanaiah, age 35 yrs,Document Writer, D. No. 18-1-749, Bhavani Nagar, Tirupati Town and Mandal, Chittoor District, Cell No. 9441088535.
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21) Signed Statement of Sri Chennuru Rupesh, age 29 yrs, Document Writer, D. No. 20-3-1/3 E, Sivijyothi Nagar, Tirupati Town and Mandal, Chittoor Dist. Cell No. 9642422400.
22) Circular Memo No. E2/12658/2011, dt. 18-8-2011 of Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, AP, Hyderabad.
23) Memo No. E/251/2012, Dt. 19-07-2012 of Dy. Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Chittoor.
24) Progs. No. E /485/2012, Dt. 23-07-2012 of Dist. Registrar of Assurances, Sri Balaji Registratation Disrict, Tiruppati.
25) Progs. No. E /254/2012, Dt. 19-07-2012 of Deputy Inspector General of Registration and Stamps , Chittoor.
26) Memo No, E/574/2012, dt. 12-09-2012 of of Deputy Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Chittoor.
27) Progs. No. E /1087/2012, Dt. 11-10-2012 of Dist. Registrar of Assurances, Sri Balaji Registratation Disrict, Tiruppati.
28) Memo No. E2/19344/2010, dt. 04-01-2011 of Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, AP, Hyderabad.
29) **Form A Register(Account – A Register) of JSR- I:** The record is being maintained in Vol-186 from 18.4.2012 to till date. As per the this register a total of 12 documents were registered in this officer on 15.12.12 vide documents No.6134 to 6154 and JSR-I received cash of Rs.2,995/- as user charges.
30) **Form A Register(Account – A Register) of JSR- 2:** The record is being maintained in vol-187 from 29.10.2012 to till date. As per the this register a total of 29 documents were registered in this officer on 15.12.12 vide documents No.6145 to 6172 and JSR-II received cash of Rs.150 /- as user charges.
31) **Court Fee Register**: The book is being maintained from 01.09.2012 to till date. As per this register an amount of Rs. 750/- was collected for Court Fees Labels.
32) **Non Judicial Stamps Stock Register**: This book is being maintained from 18.07.2005 to till date. As per this register an amount of Rs. 16590/- was collected for Non-Judicial Stamp Paper(Impression).
33) **Notary Labels Register**: This book is being maintained from 26.03.2011 to till date. As per this register an amount of Rs. 5250/- was collected for Notary Labels.
34) **Franking Machine Register**: This book is being maintained from 02.01.2012 to till date. As per this register an amount of Rs. 21,050/- was collected for printing franking.
35) **Special Adhesive Register**: This book is being maintained from 29.06.2010 to till date. As per the register an amount of Rs. 7,160/- was collected for special adhesive labels.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI ORUGONDA SUDHAKAR, AGE 36 YEARS, S/O O. JEEVARATHNAM CHETTY, SENIOR ASST., O/O SUB-REGISTRAR, SRIBALAJI REGISTRATION DISTRICT, TIRUPATI URBAN CHITTOOR DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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1) Smt. Poneeri Kasthuri, age 46 years W/o K. Nagaraju, Executive Officer & Asst. Commissioner, Sri. Boyakonda Gangamma Devasthanam, Diguvapalli village, Chowdepalli Mandal, Chittoor Dist. R/o Mitta Street, Tirupati. Ph. 9491000741.
2) Poli Subrahmanyam, age 53 years S/o Late Ettirajula Naidu, Executive Officer, Sri Subramanyam Swamy Temple, Chittoor, R/o D.No. 206-K, Reddy & Reddy Colony, Tirupati, Ph. 9052174494.
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24) Sri M. Sudhakar Reddy, Inspector of Police, ACB, Tirupati Range, Tirupati.

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